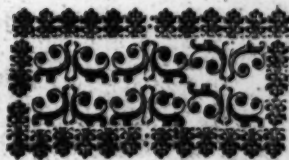


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Ay it please your Highnesse my Lord Protector, it hath been observed by some, that when *Samuel* offered sacrifice, he therefore reserved the shoulders for *Saul*, that he might know what was the weight of Government; the consideration of which made *Maximilian* affirme, that none who knew how heavy Diadems were, would stoop to take them up: Governors are like the heavenly bodies, much in veneration, but never in rest; and how can it otherwise be expected, when they are not made for themselves, or their owne glory, but for the safety, and good of Mankind? as in the Natural, so in the Civil world,

great things being ordained to serve the lesse ;
 we see the Sun by its beames serving the eye
 of the meanest fly, as well as of the greatest
 Potentate. The Supremacy of *Salus Populi*,
 was the conclusion of the twelve Tables ; and
 will be a prevalent maxime untill the end of
 the world. By thus much (my Lord) you may
 perceive the darke side of this Leading Cloud
 of Government ; but if God vouchsafe assist-
 ance from those shoulders upon which the
 Government is laid, and put under his ever-
 lasting Armes, you will see the bright side al-
 so, and thence receive encouragement : This
 support he is pleased to give, by letting Ru-
 lers know he is the Author of their power,
 & that from him they are to expect their rule.
 The designation of Government as to formes
 and persons, is an humane institution, and
 mutable, as things that are made: but Govern-
 ment it selfe, abstractively considered in its
 pure Original, is of a divine offspring, and can
 with no lesse difficulty be shaken, then those
Vestigia which being as relations tell us, upon
 the toppes of some Mountaines above the
 Clouds, can be disordered by winde, and
 tempest. And for the Rule, the word or rea-
 son of God in the divine understanding, is the
 eternal

eternall Law of all things; but this being too deep a well for mans bucket to draw out of, it pleased his infinite goodnesse to let fall a Rivulet from this source into the Creature, which leaving an impression in mans understanding, we call the Law of nature; but man having this honour, presently became of no understanding; his minde being elouded with passions and sins; had soon need of superadded helps, which God gave him by those other Laws fit for government, and still gives a Spirit for the framing such Municipall Lawes, as are according to his will, and suitable to the good of the people: But when this was don, the best Laws without a government were no other then as the Sword behind the Ephod; and therefore *Moses* in his time, and other governors in their time, must be as walking Laws, and Administrators of Justice; we may conclude, (my Lord) your Highnesse hath Experimented both these Encouragements, as being the Spectator of some, and the subject of other great revolutions which have hapned in this Age and Land of wonders; And not onely know that the most High rules in the Kingdomes of men, disposing them to whom he pleaseth; but al-

so that its not sufficient with the Princes of the Nations, to exercise dominion, which is the common Image of God, except there be also a share in the peculiar Image of his righteousnesse and holinesse; they being Gods indeed, and after a peculiar manner, to whom the reason, or word of God so comes.

My Lord, there is one helpe more in Government, which God is pleased often to adde to the rest, which is the giving in of the affections of the People. The solemnity of this day, wherein the Citizens of this great City appeare in their severall companies, as so many Cities within the City, speakes much to this; they leave it to other Nations to salute their Rulers and victorious Commanders with the names of *Cæsares* and *Imperatores*, and after triumphs to erect for them their *arcus Triumphales*; but if I mistake not, their end, this day, is not any such outward Pomp, or Glory, but that those who have beene delivered together, might rejoyce together, and to expresse their desires that the civill Sword might be as prosperous for publique ends, in the hand where it is placed, as the military Sword hath beene in the same hand. This City seldome goes alone in publique

Actions : it was anciently called by *Stephanides*, the Heart of the Nation ; and if the heart be in a Politique consideration, as it is in the naturall, it will communicate life and spirits into the other members, by which meanes the whole body may unanimously contribute their desires and endeavours to oppose the common Enemy and after all our distractions, Nation established upon the firme Basis of peace and righteousness, which is the end of government and shall be the end of my further troubling your Highnesse.

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